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Hailey Administrative Site, Oil House

(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1328)

Sawtooth National Forest

309 South Main

Hailey

Blaine County

Idaho

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Constructed in calendar year 1936?
2. **Architect:** Probably George L. Nichols.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1936-1992; Mike and Joan O'Neil, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** No records of construction costs have been found for this structure.
5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-95A, except the size, which is 14' x 24', and modified with concrete stairs on both sides of the porch.
6. **Alterations and additions:** The porch roof has been extended over the eastern set of stairs. This is a deviation from the standard plan, and appears to be an addition rather than a part of the building as originally constructed. The interior of the building, including all wooden flooring, was removed in the summer of 1992, in order to eliminate contamination from hazardous materials.

B. Historical Context: The function of this building was to store gas, oil, linseed oil and other flammable products.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. **Architectural character:** The structure is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.
2. **Condition of fabric:** Structurally sound. Needs paint.

B. Description of Exterior

1. **Overall dimensions:** 16' x 14', excluding porch.
2. **Foundations:** Continuous, concrete.
3. **Walls.** Novelty siding, painted white with Nile green trim.

4. Structural System, framing: 2" x 4" wood stud braced frame.

5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: On the north side is a 4' x 8' concrete porch with a gabled roof supported by four vertical 4' x 4' posts.

6. Chimneys: None.

7. Openings

a. Doorways and doors: One set of double doors each with four glass panes and three solid panels. Both are painted white with Nile green trim.

b. Windows and shutters: Four fixed 6-pane windows. Frames are painted white with Nile green trim pieces. No shutters.

c. Stairways: There are two matching concrete stairways that access the porch from the east and west. The east staircase is covered by an extension of the roof.

8. Roof

a. Shape, covering: Gabled, with 2" x 4" rafters and 1" x 6" sheathing. Manufactured shake shingles are painted bronze green. The porch roof extends over the eastern stairs, and is supported by one 4' x 4" vertical post against the building at the lower end, and a second post set at an angle from the outside edge of the fourth stair to the lower end of the roof extension. This extension appears to be an addition to the building rather than an original modification to the plans.

b. Cornice, eaves: Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.

c. Dormers, cupolas, towers: None.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans

a. Basement: None.

b. First floor: 14' x 24' x 4' concrete fuel tank (1344 cubic feet).

c. Second floor: Single room, 336 square feet.

2. Stairways: None.

3. **Flooring:** Concrete.
4. **Wall and ceiling finish:** 1" x 8" shiplap.
5. **Openings:**
 - a. **Doorways and doors:** None.
 - b. **Windows:** None.
6. **Decorative features and trim:** Plain 1" x 4" trim.
7. **Hardware:** Stamped metal handles and hinges painted black.
8. **Mechanical equipment:**
 - a. **Heating, air conditioning, ventilation:** None.
 - b. **Lighting:** Wired for electrical lights during construction.
 - c. **Plumbing:** None.

D. Site

1. **General setting and orientation:** Structure faces north, directly south of Garage #2.
2. **Historic landscape design:** See "Historical Sketch of the Sawtooth National Forest and of the Hailey Administrative Site," above.
3. **Outbuildings:** There are four other structures on this property. Each is documented on a separate form.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. **Original Architectural Drawings:** None.
- B. **Early Views:** None
- C. **Interviews:** None
- D. **Bibliography**
 1. **Primary and unpublished sources**

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Benedict, Miller S.

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Sliger, Elizabeth Leflang

1976 "Miller S. Benedict: An Early Supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest," *Old Timers News* (Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Ogden, Utah), Vol. XIV, No. 3, pp. 12-14.

2. Secondary and published sources: None.

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. Supplemental Material: Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, May 30 and 31, 1989.
Drawings made by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

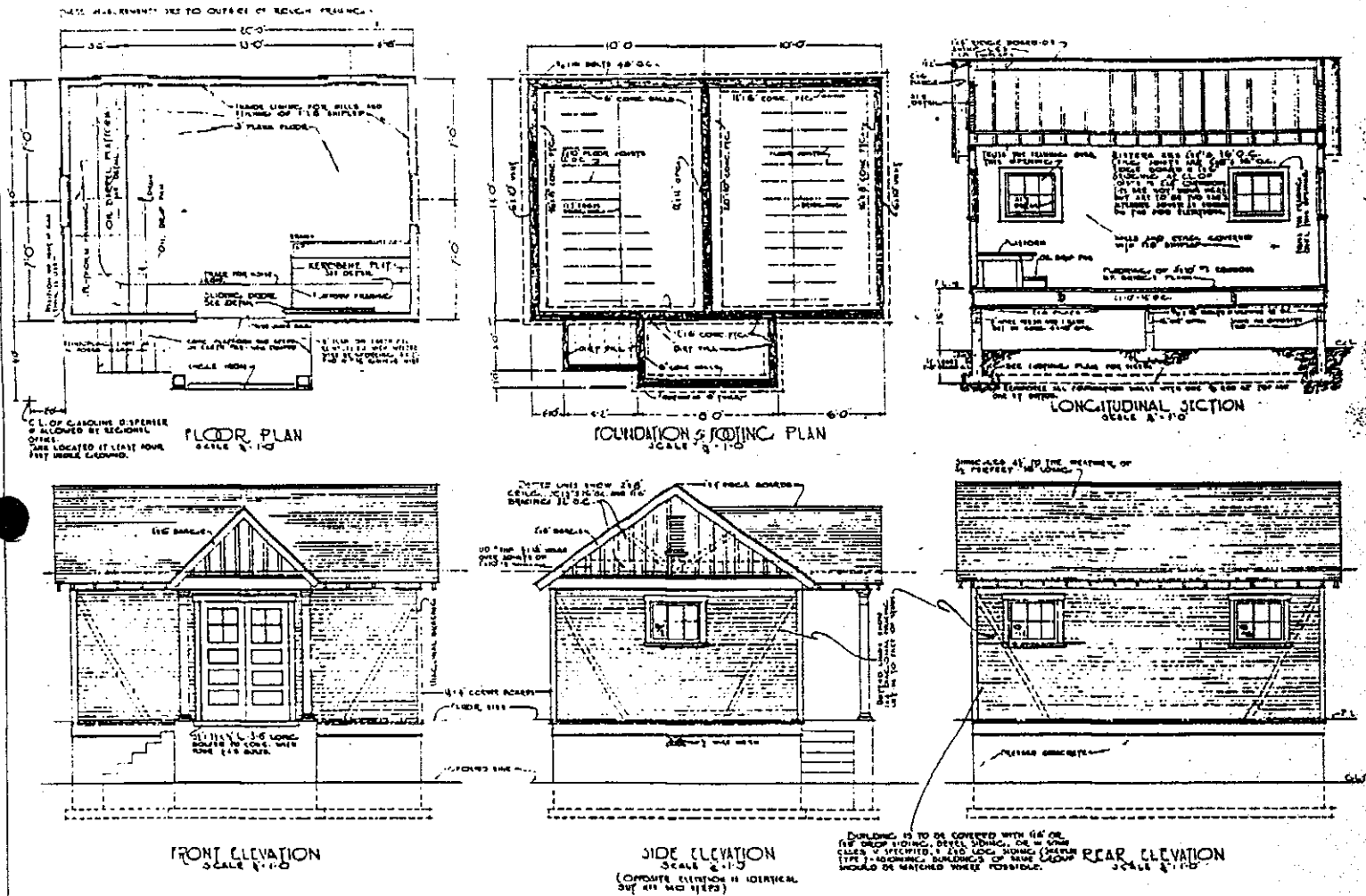
PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Purpose of Documentation

1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

B. Report Preparation

1. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September - October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.



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OIL HOUSE	
WITH LOADING PLATFORM	
PLAN R-4 P-55A	
SHEET 1 OF 5	
CHECKED BY	DATE
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SCALE: 5/8" = 7'